

Remarks

Claims 3, 5, 7-15, 17-19, and 22 are pending. Claims 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13, 17, and 22 have been amended. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 16, 20, and 21 have been cancelled.

Appreciation is expressed for the indication of allowability of claims 3, 5, 7-15, 17, 18, and 22. Although the applicants continue to submit that the previously entered claims are allowable over Yim and Hluchyj, the applicants have nevertheless chosen to amend the allowable claims. Accordingly, claim 3 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 1 and 2; claim 5 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 1 and 4; claim 7 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 1; claim 8 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 1 and 6; claim 10 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 1; claim 13 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 1; claim 17 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 1 and 16 (note that claim 17 erroneously depended from claim 6 instead of claim 16); and claim 21 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 22. Various claims have been canceled without prejudice, to be pursuable in a continuing application.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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